

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Martin Heim Property

and/or common Dwight L. Wilcox Property

2. Location:

street & number 16850 Oakmont Avenue

☐ not for publication

city, town Washington Grove

☒ vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Montgomery

3. Classification:**Category**☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object**Ownership**☐ public☒ private☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process☐ being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress**Accessible**☐ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☒ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ education☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ transportation☐ museum☐ park☒ private☐ residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ other:**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dwight L. Wilcox

street & number P.O. Box 364

telephone no.:

city, town Washington Grove

state and zip code MD 20880

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 5384

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 61

city, town Rockville

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal☐ state☐ county☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. M:21-182(PACS A11.11)

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Martin Heim Property is a 2½-story, 3-bay Four-square on the west side of Oakmont Avenue in the Washington Grove vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1915, the building has an enclosed front porch and a 2-story rear addition.

The structure has a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles and an exterior brick chimney on the south elevation. It is of concrete block construction with a molded concrete facing. The windows are 6/6 vinyl double-hung, 6/1 wood double-hung, wood 3-light awning windows and wood 6-light awning windows. The house has hipped dormers on the front and rear elevations and a hipped roof porch on the front elevation. The porch has three molded concrete block posts and a closed railing. The south side of the porch is enclosed with vinyl siding and a triple vinyl 6/6 double-hung window. The north side of the porch has a vinyl door and a vinyl 6/6 double-hung window. The gable ends each have a single 6/6 vinyl double-hung window.

The first story of the east, or front facade is obscured by the full-width enclosed porch. The second story has paired, wood 6/1 double hung windows, while the attic level has two 6-light awning windows.

The south elevation has a triple 6/1 double-hung window, a 15-light glass door and a 6-light awning window on the first story. The second story has a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows and two single 6/1 double-hung windows.

The rear elevation has a triple 6/1 double-hung window on the first story of the main block, while the second story has a single 6/1 double-hung window on the main block. The attic level has two 6-light awning windows in the hipped dormer. A 2-story addition near the northeast corner of the structure is of molded concrete block and wood-frame construction on the first story and wood-frame construction on the second story. The wood-frame sections are covered with vertical wood siding. The first story of the addition has a plain wood door and a 6/1 double-hung window. The second story has three 6-light casement windows. The second story also has a single 6-light casement window on both the north and south elevations.

The north elevation has two 3-light awning windows in the basement level, while the first story has a 6-light awning window, a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows and a wood panel door at grade level. The second story has two 6/1 double-hung windows.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. The outbuilding is a garage, constructed of molded concrete block. Constructed circa 1915, it has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles and is located northwest of the house.

The property is located on the west side of Oakmont Avenue, with commercial property to the north, south and east and forested land to the west. The property's setting has been altered by the commercial development of adjacent parcels.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):

Specific dates circa 1915

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Martin Heim Property was originally situated on a 27.78 hectare (68.65 acre) parcel of land known as "Valentine's Garden" purchased in 1912. A house was constructed on the land circa 1915. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced by a series of proprietors until it reached its current size of 4,026 square meters (43,339 square feet) in 1979 when it was acquired by the present owner, Dwight L. Wilcox. The Martin Heim Property, constructed circa 1915, does not appear on Martenet and Bond's 1865 Map of Montgomery County or Hopkins' 1879 Atlas of Montgomery County.

The Martin Heim Property is located in the Washington Grove vicinity. Washington Grove was established as a nineteenth century religious settlement. Its founders were the clergy of the principal Methodist congregations of Washington, D.C. and the presiding elder of the Washington district. Washington Grove served as a summer camp meeting ground, beginning in 1873, and excursion trains from Washington brought worshippers to the camp meetings. By 1902, the community was evolving from a place of Christian culture and wholesome entertainment, to a summer community for affluent Methodists from Washington, D.C. who built summer cottages at the Grove.

Development of the area surrounding Washington Grove began to intensify as Montgomery County experienced suburban growth from the early twentieth century to the present. While the nucleus of Washington Grove has been well protected by its residents, the outlying area has developed into a densely populated suburban community with two interstate highways and a subway station in the vicinity.

The Four-square house, such as the structure on the Martin Heim Property, was popular in both suburban and rural areas of America from the late 1890s into the 1920s. American Four-square dwellings are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall with a simple square or rectangular plan, low-pitched, hipped roof, and a front entrance, usually off-centered, which served as the focal point of the facade. They also commonly featured dormers on all planes of the roof and a wide one-story front porch. Inside are usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor, with a side stairway. Exterior wall surfaces were generally clad in clapboards or wood shingles. In vernacular examples, the Four-square often featured hipped dormers, a single-story, full-width front porch, and double-hung sash windows.

The development of the Four-square house was part of a stylistic movement known as "Rectilinear" which represented a reaction against the ornate Queen Anne style of the late 1880s. It was part of the same movement which produced the Colonial Revival style which returned to the symmetry of Georgian and Federal designs, and the Prairie School which stressed horizontal lines and

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8. Significance (Continued)

intersecting, perpendicular planes. Four-square homes contain features of both the Colonial Revival and Prairie styles but the style developed independently from them (Wells 1987, 51). Like Colonial Revival houses, Four-square homes emphasize geometric forms, and like Prairie houses they have low-pitched roofs and windows that feature multi-light panels. Yet the Four-square houses also differ from these other styles in significant ways. Unlike Colonial Revival houses, Four-squares do not contain historical features such as Palladian windows, fanlights, and ornamented bracketing. They also often have off-center entrances. Designers of Four-squares also rejected the Prairie School emphasis on horizontal lines and irregular forms.

From the architectural avant-garde, the Four-square form moved to popular builder's magazines, beginning in 1895 when they began publishing drawings of such houses. Companies such as Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck included Four-Square variations among the designs for which they offered complete, pre-cut materials shipped ready for assembly (Wells 1987, 53).

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Martin Heim Property is a Four-square constructed circa 1915. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common building type. In addition, the structure's architectural integrity has been compromised through the enclosure of the front porch. The integrity of setting has been altered by the commercial development of adjacent parcels. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: Andrew Levin

Date: 01/02/02

Reviewer, NR Program: Blanton

Date: 3/4/02



9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Gaithersburg, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date October 1996

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
(410) 514-7600

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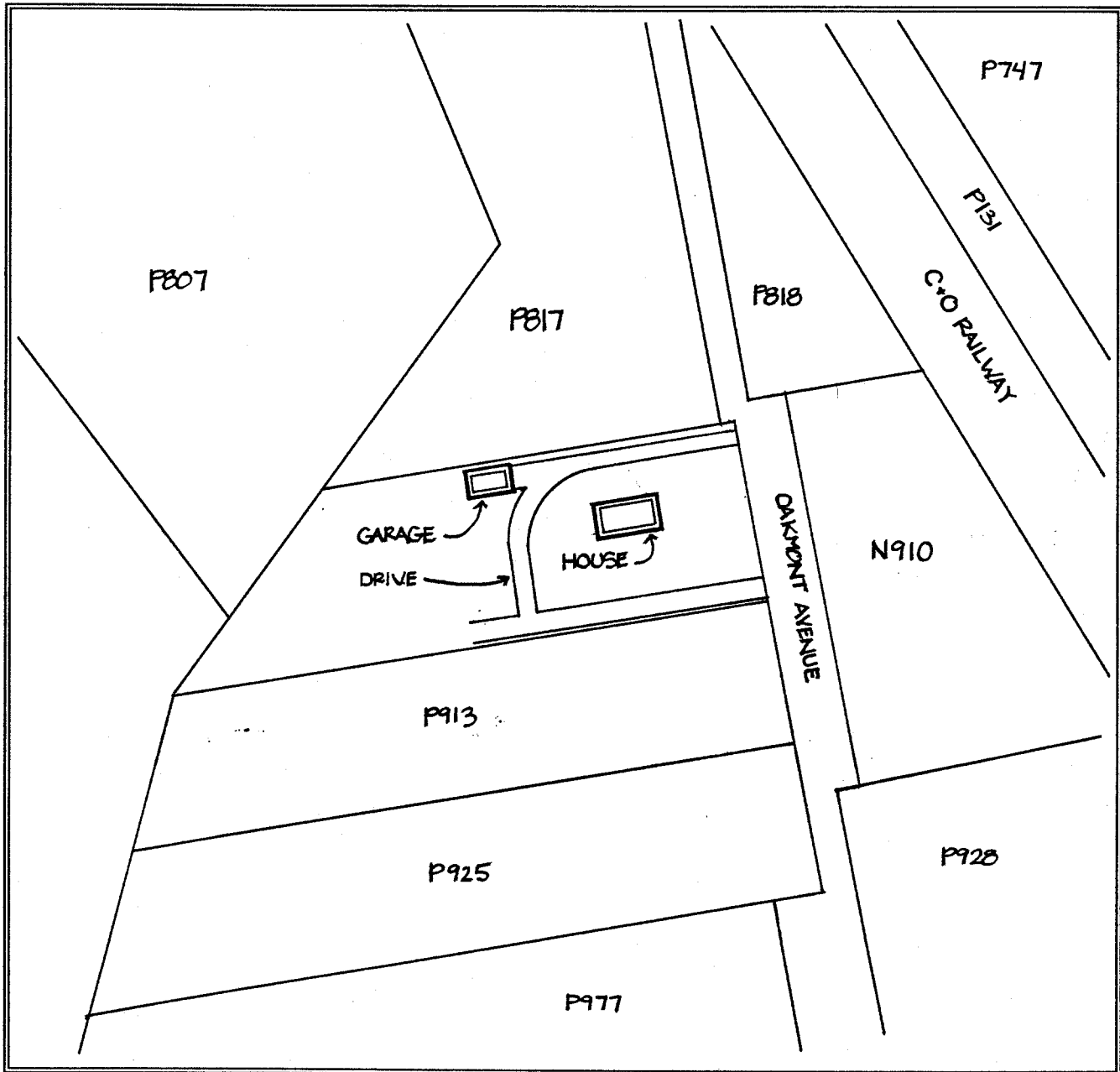
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

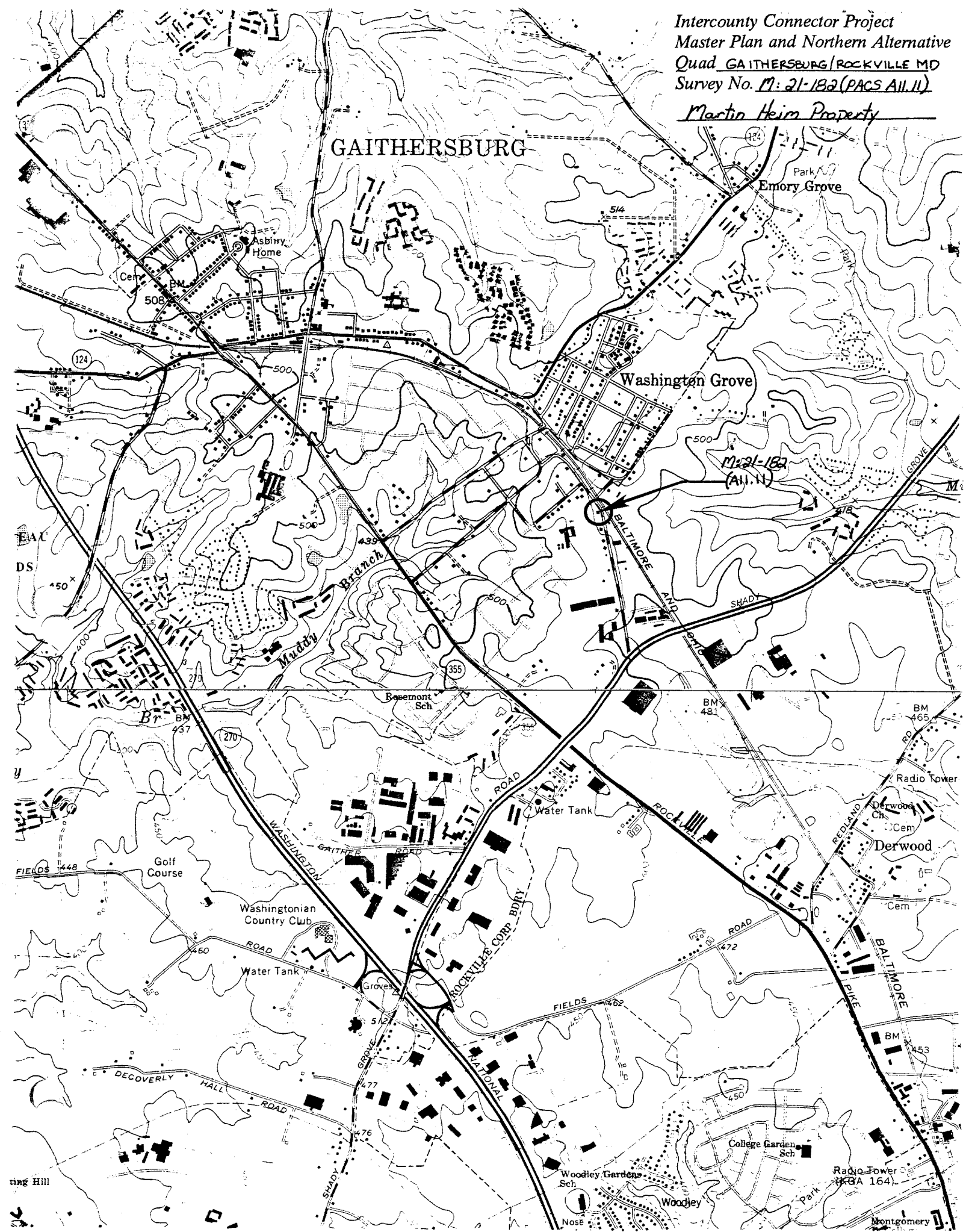
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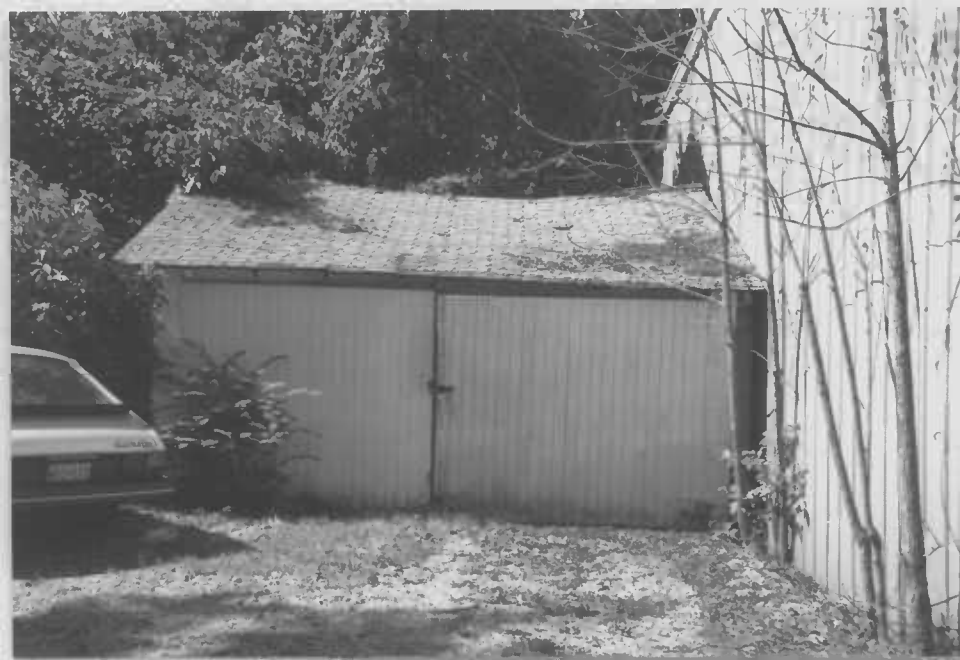
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2. Martin Heim Property
3. Montgomery County, MD
4. Tim Tamburrino
5. October 1996
6. PSC Sperry & Co., Towson MD 21204
7. 16850 Oakmont Ave., Front (east) elevation
View west
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5. October 1996
6. PAC Spens & Co., Towson MD 21204
7. 16850 Culmanti Ave., South elevation
View north
8. 2 of -



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2. Martin's ^{Property}
3. Montgomery County, MD
4. Tim Tamburine
5. October 1990
6. P.C. Sperry & Co., Towson, MD 21204
7. 16250 Oakmont Ave., Rear (west) elevation
8. 3 of 4
View east



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2. Martin Heim Property
3. Montgomery County, MD
4. Tim Tamburro
5. October 1996
6. PAC Sperry & Co., Towson MD 21204
7. 16850 Oakmont Ave, Gaithersburg, view west
8. Not a